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1. FOLLOWING TEXT NOTE RECEIVED MAY 4 ON AUTOMOBILE IMPORTS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIEMENTS TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS, AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITIED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE DECISION AND STIPULATIONS ISSUED BY THE MINISTER OF TRADE ON JANUARY 22, 1974, ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROHIBITION OF IMPTRTATION OF SEDANS AND STATION WAGONS

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IN BUILT UP CONDITION INTO INDONESIA, HAS THE HONOR
TO INFORM THEM OF THE FOLLOWING:

3. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REPELITA II, A SERIES OF POLICY
MEASURES ARE TO BE TAKEN TO AUGMENT PRODUCTION AND
IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY NECESSARY FOR IMPROVING ECONOMIC
VIABILITY, INCLUDING SOME SPECIFIC MEASURES TO PROMOTE
INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE RAPID EXPANSION, MODERNIZATION
AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE INDONESIAN ECONOMY.

4. THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS REGULATON IS TO
PROMOTE DOMESTIC MOTOR VEHICLE ASSEMBLING PLANTS AND
THROUGH SUCH AN APPROACH TO OPEN UP NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
WHICH CAN ABSORB THE ADDITIONS TO THE LABOR FORCE IN GAINFUL
EMPLOYMENT. THE REGULATION IS ALSO PART OF A MANIFESTATION
OF THE AUSTERITY POLICY TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS
DEDICATING ITSELF TO CREATE A VIABLE NATIONAL ECONOMY
WHERE CONDITIONS OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STABILITY ARE
PRE-REQUISITES. THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROMPTED TO INTRODUCE
AN AUSTERITY POLICY MAINLY BY ITS GROWING AWARENESS OF
THE UNDESIRED EFFECTS THAT IF THE DISPARITY IN THE
STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE PEOPLE CONTINUES TO PERSIST,
THEN DEVELOPMENT WILL FAIL IN ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

5. THE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE CONCERN EXPRESSED
BY SEVERAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES AND SYMPATHIZES
WITH THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE FROM THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS REGULATION. THE GOVERNMENT
APPRECIATES SUCH CONCERN AND SUBSEQUENTLY HAS APPLIED
REASON AND GOODWILL IN SEEKING THE RIGHT SOLUTION. IN
THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE PLEASURE
TO INFORM THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING
MEASURES:

6. TO ALLOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE RELEASE OF ALL NON-
COMMERICAL IMPORTED SEDANS AND STATION WAGONS IN BUILT-UP
CONDITION WHICH UP TO APRIL 21, 1974, WERE BEING WITHHELD
IN INDONESIAN HARBORS UNDER THE DECISION ISSUED BY THE
MINISTER OF TRADE ON JANUARY 22, 1974, BELONGING TO:
A. DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS, AGENCIES OF
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

THE UNITED NATIONS, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS.
B. MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS, HOME-BASED
STAFF MEMBERS WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF AGENCIES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AND OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
ACCREDITIED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA.
C. HOME-BASED STAFF MEMBERS WITH NON-DIPLOMATIC STATUS
OF MISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE

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AND DULY REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
D. PROJECTS AND/OR FOREIGN EXPERTS UNDER TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AND PROJECT AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

7. TO FACILITATE THE RELEASE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES
BELONGING TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED REGISTERED CATEGORIES,
THE KIND COOPERATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR
MISSIONS, AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDONESIA, IS REQUESTED TO FILL IN THE DATA STIPULATED
IN THE ATTACHED FORMS AND TO SUBMIT THEM IN EIGHT COPIES
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE SHORTEST
POSSIBLE TIME.

8. THE PROHIBITION TO IMPORT SEDANS AND STATION WAGONS IN
BUILT-UP CONDITION WILL REMAIN IN FORCE SINCE THIS
REGULATION CONSTITUES AN INTEGRAL PART OF A SERIES OF
POLICY MEASURES CARRIED OUT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPELITA II. HOWEVER, THE
PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO:
A. DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS, AGENCIES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS.
B. MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS,
HOME-BASED STAFF MEMBERS WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF
AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA.

9. THEY, AS WELL AS THOSE, NOT FALLING WITHIN THE
ABOVE RESTRICTED CATEGORIES PREVIOUSLY HAVING BEEN
ACCORDED PRIVILEDGES TO IMPORT SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES,
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ARE NOW OFFERED FACILITIES TO PURCHASE THESE MOTOR
VEHICLES LOCALLY WITH EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, NORMALLY
INCLUDED IN THE SALE PRICE. MOREOVER, THEY ARE
ACCORDED PRIORITY AS TO THE DELIVERY OF THE MOTOR
VEHICLES.

10. THE PROHIBITION DOES NOT PREVENT THEM FROM
IMPORTING OTHER TYPES OF NON-COMMERICAL MOTOR VEHICLES
IN BUILT-UP CONDITION SUCH AS JEEPS, INCLUDING HARDTOP
JEEPS AND LANDROVERS. NOR DOES IT ANNUL THEIR
PRIVILEDGES TO IMPORT ALL OTHER KINDS OF ARTICLES
FOR PERSONAL USE.

11. IN THE CASE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND PROJECT
AGREEMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO AMEND THE

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RELEVANT PROVISIONS ACCORDINGLY. WITH REGARD TO
DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ARRANGEMENTS PREVIOUSLY
CONCLUDED ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, THE GOVERNMENT IS
ALSO PREPARED TO ADJUST THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW MEASURES MENTIONED
ABOVE. END TEXT.
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